

Topical Heading

Federal Student Aid

Program TitleFederal Family Education Loan (FFEL)
Program**Also Known as**

FFEL includes four components: Stafford Loan, Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, PLUS (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students) Loan, and Consolidation Loan.

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.032

Administering Office

Federal Student Aid (FSA)

Who May Apply (by category)

Individuals

Who May Apply (specifically)

- Stafford: Individuals who are undergraduate, vocational, or graduate students accepted for enrollment at least half-time in participating schools.
- Unsubsidized Stafford: Individuals who are undergraduate, vocational, or graduate students accepted for enrollment at least half-time in participating schools.
- PLUS: Individuals who are parents of dependent undergraduate students accepted for enrollment at least half-time in participating schools. Beginning July 1, 2006, graduate students also will be eligible.
- Consolidation: Individuals who have outstanding student loans and are in a grace period or repayment status or those who have defaulted but have made satisfactory arrangements to repay their loan(s).

Type of Assistance (specifically)

Guaranteed, insured loans.

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2004 \$9,601,614,000

Fiscal Year 2005 \$11,129,929,000

Fiscal Year 2006 \$9,839,168,000

Note: The appropriation amounts listed provide the federal subsidy costs associated with new FFEL program loans for each fiscal year; however, typically it is the volume of loans made that is more relevant to those seeking student aid. FFEL loan volume (aid available) in FY 2005 was \$97.2 billion and in FY 2006 is estimated to be \$91.9 billion.

Fiscal Year 2006 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Amount of Aid Available: \$91,933,000,000

Amount of Aid Available represents the amount of funds awarded to participants in the Federal Student Aid programs. Depending upon the program, this total may include federal appropriated dollars, institutional or state matching dollars, and federal or private loan capital.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: See the following table for awards information.

Loan Type	Amount of Aid Available	Number of New Loans Anticipated	Average Award	Award Range
Stafford	\$19,648,595,000	5,651,803	\$3,477	Up to \$8,500
Unsubsidized Stafford	\$20,180,893,000	4,601,092	\$4,386	Up to \$18,500
PLUS	\$6,873,264,000	678,882	\$10,124	Cost of attendance less other aid
Consolidation	\$45,230,493,000	1,656,433	\$27,306	N/A

Legislative Citation

Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, Title IV, Part B; 20 U.S.C. 1071–1087-4.

Program Regulations

34 CFR 682

Program Description

See the following table.

Loan Type	Characteristics	Interest Rate for New Loans as of July 1, 2006
Stafford	Interest paid by government when student is in school and during periods of grace and deferment.	6.8%
Unsubsidized Stafford	Interest NOT paid by government when student is in school nor during periods of grace and deferment.	6.8%
PLUS	Enables parents to borrow to pay the costs of higher education for their dependent undergraduates and graduate students to pay their costs.	8.5%
Consolidation	Combines more than one federal education loan into a single loan.	Weighted average of loans rounded upward to nearest 1/8%. Capped at 8.25%.

Interest rate for loans made before July 1, 2006: For Stafford and Unsubsidized Stafford, in-school rate is 91-day T-Bill + 1.7%; in-repayment rate is 91-day T-Bill + 2.3%; both rates are capped at 8.25%. For PLUS, in-repayment rate is 91-day T-Bill + 3.1% and is capped at 9%. For Consolidation, see above.

In addition, certain new borrowers after Oct. 1, 1998, who teach for five consecutive years in qualifying schools serving low-income students may qualify for up to \$5,000—and, in the case of highly qualified mathematics, science, and special education teachers, up to \$17,500—in loan forgiveness.

Types of Projects

Loans

Education Level (by category)

Postsecondary

Subject Index

Parents, Student Financial Aid, Student Loan Programs

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